## CORRESPONDENCE.

FORTRESS MONROE, July 4, 1863. From U. S. Steamer Minnessota, 2.30 p. m. Hon. Gideon Wells, Secretary of the Navy.

The following communication is just received from Mr. Stephens, who is on the flag-of-truce boat anchored above. I shall inform Mr. Stephens that I wait your instructions before S. P. LEE. giving him an answer.

Rear Admiral U. S. Flagship Minnessota, "CONFEDERATE STATES STEAMER TORPEDO, IN JAMES RIVER, July 4, 1863.—Sir: As military commissioner I am the bearer of a communication in writing from Jefferson Davis, Commander-in-Chief of the land and naval forces of the Confederate States, to Abraham Lincoln, Commander-in-Chief of the land and naval forces of the United States. Hon. Robert Ould, Confederate States agent of ex. change, accompanies me as secretary, for the purpose of delivering the communication in person and conferring upon the subjects to which it relates. I desire to proceed directly to Washington city in the steamer Torpedo, commanded by Lieutenant Hunter Davidson, of the Confederate States navy-no person being on board but the Hon. M. Ould, myself, and the boat's officers and crew.

"Yours, most respectfully, "ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS.

"Rear Admiral S. P. Lee.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, July 6.—Acting Rear Admiral S. P. Lee, Hampton Roads: The request of Alexander H. Stephens, is inadmissible. The customary agents and channels are adequate for all needful military communication and conference between the United States forces and the insurgents.

GIDEON WELLS, Secretary of the Navy. INVASION OF INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 9.—Morgan's forces, infantry, cavalry, and artillery numbering from six to eight thousand, have crossed into Indiana and captured Corydan. The Federal forces are falling back. The Confederates are supposed to be marching on New Albany and Jeffersonville, where large quantities of supplies are stored. Troops are being organized throughout the State, to be sent forward rapidly .-Business is entirely suspended. The citizens are forming companies, and eight have been raised since last night.

Mr. Elihu Burritt, popularly known as "the Learned Blacksmith," and who it seems is now sojourning in London, has recently propounded from that city a plan for the termination of the present war and for a "re-annexation" of the Seceded States to the American Union, no longer, however, as integral members of that Union, after the manner of the Loyal States, but as a distinct political community, to be joined with Canada and Mexico in forming around the Federal Government a "Nation's Union," embracing them all in a limited political fellowship. The National Intelligencer says, "it is difficult to conceive of a scheme more ideal or impracticable than this."

The directors of the Washington and Georgetown Street Railway Company have elected Geo. S. Gideon, Esq., president of the company for the ensuing year, H. D. Cooke, National Bank about starting in Washington. The company declared a dividend yesterday of 3 per ct. for the last quarter.

The Capture of Vicksburg.

HEADQUARTERS GEN. GRANT, NEAR VICKS-BURG, Friday' July 3-8 p. m.-At eight this morning flags of truce appeared before A. J. Smith's front, when Major General Bowen and Colonel Montgomery were led blindfolded into the lines. They bore a communication from Gen. Pemberton of the following purport:

"Although I feel confident of my ability to resist your arms indefinitely, in order to stop the further effusion of blood. I propose that you appoint three commissioners, to meet three whom I shall select, to arrange such terms as may best accomplish the result."

Grant soon replied substantially in these words:

"The appointment of commissioners is unnecessary. While I should be glad to stop any unnecessary effusion of blood, the only terms which I can entertain are those of unconditional surrender. At the same time, myself and men and officers of this army, are ready to testify to the distinguished gallantry with which the defence of Vicksburg has been conducted."

At eleven o'clock the messengers returned. This afternoon Gen. Grant met Gen. Pemberton between the lines, and after an hour's consultation settled the surrender. Gen. Pemberton urged that the soldiers might be paroled here, and furnished rations to carry them to their lines. In view of the bravery they have displayed and the advantages of the plan, Gen. Grant will consent. The number of prisoners, wounded, &c., it is said, will be eighteen thosand, of which twelve thouand are in fighting condition now. The immediate cause of the surrender is exhaustion of supplies and ammunition, and the failure of Johnston to come to their aid. At daylight the whole army will enter. Not a shot has been fired since eight o'clock from the lines, except from the river mortars. A general interchange of civilities extends all along the lines.

It is now ascertained that many of the newspaper reports, letters, dispatches, &c. relative to the details of the battles near Gettysburg, are full of falsehoods and exaggerations, and in no respects reliable. The official dispatches of Gen. Meade, as published, are universally commended for their freedom from all affectation and bombast, and their modesty. The Baltimore American thinks that some of the newspaper correspondents "have reduced lying to a system."

The New York Express says:- "The information to-day is that the Press Censorship is abolished, and that the Reporters and Editors with the Telegraph lines, will be held responsible for dispatches sent over the wires.— There is much satisfaction at this arrangement."

A riot occurred at Buffalo, N. Y., last Monday, between a number of Irish laborers and the negroes of that place. The negroes were routed in all directions, and forced to fly.-Some of them had to take refuge in the jail to save their lives.

The Washington Star says that the Banking Esq., declining, as he is to be president of the | House of Sweeney & Huyck has closed doors, and rumor assigns the suspension to the fall in gold. The liabilities of the firm are said to be I heavy.

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